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Dear Mr. Jaworski:

This is in response to your letter received 10 May 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/937,976 filed 28 September 2001. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was issued on 14 November 2001. A copy of that Notice is attached herewith for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

- Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905